# **2008** Tennessee Charter School Summit

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# Public Charter School Contributions



- Mission focus (creating opportunities for underserved)
- Heavy reliance upon relation-building
- Need for collaboration (Toledo/Indianapolis)
- Socially embedded (boards, mission, community & vicinity)
- Success driven
- Economically challenged yet providing results
- Innovations within education

## Public Charter School Product: Innovation within Charter Schools



- Curriculum
   (specialized scope of instruction)
- Operation
   (extended day, year, summer school)
- Governance (teacher, leader incentives)
- Board
   (external relationship cultivation)

## Public Charter School Movement Product: Innovation within Charter Movement



- Collective sense
   (accountability and transparency from within)
- Bridge building (validation)
- Documentation of success for Tennessee (school research-based) then presented to broader audience
- Redefinition of value of education





### Nationally (2006-07)

- 40 states (plus DC)
- 4,000 schools
- 1.1 million students (≈ 2% of total U.S. student population)

### <u>Tennessee</u> (2006-07)

- 12 schools (9 in MCS and 3 in MNPS)
- 2,200 students (≈ 2/10 of 1% of total TN student population)

### TN Charter School History



#### **Cohort 1 Schools Opened Fall 2003**

Circles of Success Learning Academy

Memphis City Schools

Memphis Academy of Health Sciences

Memphis City Schools

Memphis City Schools

Smithson Craighead Academy Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

#### **Cohort 2 Schools Opened Fall 2004**

City University School of Liberal Arts

STAR Academy

Yo! Academy

Memphis City Schools

Memphis City Schools

#### **Cohort 3 Schools Opened Fall 2005**

Promise Memphis City Schools
Memphis Business Academy Memphis City Schools
Southern Avenue Charter School Memphis City Schools
Soulsville Charter School (formerly STAX) Memphis City Schools

KIPP Academy Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

**Cohort 4 Schools Opened Fall 2006** 

#### **Cohort 5 Schools Opened Fall 2007**

LEAD Academy Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

## **Charter Applications 2007**



Ivy Academy	9 to 12	320	Original
<b>Memphis City Schools</b>			
Dream Academy	9 to 12	1200	Original
KIPP Diamond Academy	5 to 8	400	Conversion
Circles of Success	K to 5	240	Renewal
Power Center Academy	6 to 8	400	Original
Memphis Business Academy	9 to 12	300	Original
Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering	7 to 11	700	Renewal
Memphis Academy of Health Sciences	9 to 12	400	Original
Memphis Academy of Health Sciences	6 to 8	300	Renewal
City University School Boys Preparatory	6 to 8	300	Original
Metro Nashville Public Schools			
JWG Manna Life & Art Academy	K to 12	380	Original
Smithson Craighead	K to 4	250	Renewal
Nashville Academy of Science and Technology	K to 12	512	Original
<b>Knox County Public Schools</b>			
Thoreau School of Knoxville	K to 6	280	Original

# What is the "Value" of Education?



- "Prepare them for the future."
- "Help them to get ahead."
- "Platform for future success."
- "Give them a degree."
- "Give them basic knowledge."
- "Prepare them for the workforce."
- "Get them ready for college."
- "We can pay for it now or pay more for it later."

## **Enhanced Role of Charters**



- Pilot study with AGE
- Participatory Action Research
- Community value
- Templates for the TN Charter Movement
- Bridge-building with LEAs
- Added value for LEAs
- Robust state models of innovation

## **Derivatives of Summit**



- Discussion and re-examination of your charter
- Broader vision of the capacity of your charter
- Networking with TN charters
- Data harvesting techniques
- Documentation of success
- Collective interest grouping for grants and research
- State Charter Advisory Board